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Mark Ludescher, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal
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RE: Iowa Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Requirements

Dear Mr. Ludescher,

Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 641--26.3(135K) states that no person shall test or repair a backflow prevention assembly unless the person is a registered backflow prevention assembly tester.

- *“Backflow prevention assembly”* for the purposes of IAC Chapter 26 means a device or means to prevent backflow into a potable water system for which a method of testing the device in-line has been published by the Foundation of Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research at the University of Southern California.
- *“Registered backflow prevention assembly tester”* or *“registered tester”* means a person who has successfully completed an approved training course, or who is certified, and who has registered with the department of public health.

Being a registered backflow prevention assembly tester with the Iowa Department of Public Health does not relieve the individual from any other state or local laws or regulations covering the system to which the backflow prevention assembly is connected such as those relating to fire protection systems.

A copy of IAC Chapter 26 along with a copy of the State Plumbing Code (IAC 641 Chapter 25) is included with this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall P. Lane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

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